

Docket: 71418

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Armentrout et al.

Serial No.: 09/981,155

Group Art Unit: 1711

Filed: October 16, 2001

Examiner: Jeffrey C. Mullins

For: INHERENTLY ELECTROSTATIC DISSIPATING BLOCK COPOLYMER  
COMPOSITIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

In Response to the Office Action mailed on November 29, 2002, please consider the following response for the reasons set forth herein.

**REMARKS**

The office states restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-22, drawn to product, classified in Class 525, subclass 54.3.
- II. Claims 23-42, drawn to a process, classified in Class 528, subclass 486.

This restriction requirement is traversed since it would simply be more efficient and economical to prosecute all of these claims together since they relate to similar subject matter. Moreover, it would appear to be less burdensome on both applicants and the office for all claims to be searched and examined together rather than having a multiplicity of similar applications increasing the Office's backlog and applicants' expenses.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the current restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In the event that the traversal of the restriction requirement is not withdrawn as requested, applicants elect the following: Claims 1-22 are elected; applicants select the single alkylene glycol of polyethylene glycol from claim 6; applicants select polyesters as the single hard segment polymer as shown in Claim 10; applicants select a single acid end capping free agent of terephthalic acid although keeping in mind that one or

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